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**Congress of the United States**

**House of Representatives**

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The Honorable Jim Nussle  
Chairman  
House Budget Committee  
309 Cannon H.O.B.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Richard Pombo  
Chairman  
House Committee on Resources  
1324 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Nussle and Chairman Pombo:

We support deficit reduction and balancing the federal budget, but we strongly object to the market rate proposal in the Administration's Fiscal Year 2006 budget that would unfairly target our constituents that receive power from one of the four Power Marketing Administrations (PMAs). We oppose this proposal to unjustifiably increase our constituents' power bills to boost the Federal Treasury.

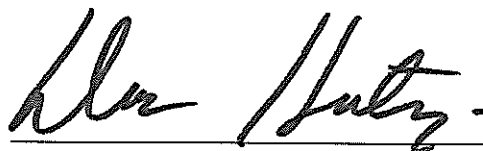
The Administration's proposal would increase PMA rates by 20 percent each year until reaching "market rates." Although the rate increases are described as gradual the impact would be immediate and devastating. Wholesale power rate increases of this magnitude would reverberate through the foundations of our districts' economies. Many federal power customers have already experienced significant cost impacts due to wholesale market conditions and long-term drought, which have reduced the availability of federal hydropower and required customers and the PMAs to make replacement power purchases with higher cost market resources.


The federal power program continues to serve all Americans well. Current rates are cost-based and ensure that all federal costs from generation, transmission and sale of federal power are recovered with interest. Federal taxpayers do not subsidize PMA power for our constituents and our constituents should not have a discriminatory tax inflicted on them to help reduce the budget deficit.

We appreciate the opportunity to share our objections to this proposal with you and stand ready to discuss this matter with you at any time.

Sincerely,









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Tom Linn

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Goodlatte	2240	55431	Amanda Foster
Jenkins	1207	56356	Brenda Otterson
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